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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Applicants would like to thank Examiner Portka for holding a telephone interview with their representative, Janaki K. Davda, on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. (EST).

During the telephone interview, Applicant's represented pointed to Fig. 4A of the 5,491,810 patent and page 7 of Applicant's Specification to clarify differences between them. Also, objections to the claims were discussed. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Portka for indicating that the objections will be withdrawn. No other agreement was reached.

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